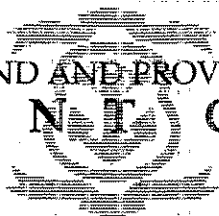


STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND  
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
AND DISCIPLINE

C96-106

In the matter of:  
R. Carter Hall, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.2, 1956, (1995  
Reenactment), a complaint was filed with the Board of Medical  
Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter referred to as "Board")  
alleging R. Carter Hall, M.D., Respondent, violated § 5-37-5.1  
An investigation was conducted by Investigating Committee I,  
so called, of the Board. The report was reviewed by the Board  
and it recommended further action.

The following constitutes the Investigating Committee's  
Findings with respect to the professional performance of the  
Respondent.

Investigative Findings

1. The Respondent was employed at an emergency room of a  
local hospital. A 23 year old woman came to the facility with  
a complaint of abdominal pain with vaginal bleeding.

She stated she might be pregnant and that she had cramps since that morning and bloody vaginal discharge for three days.

She further stated that the pain and the bleeding had increased since the morning and the pain felt similar to that of a previous pregnancy when she had a miscarriage. She had a previous history of menstrual periods continuing during pregnancy. She stated that this felt like "back labor".

2. The Respondent saw the patient and failed to take an adequate history from the patient, failed to perform an adequate physical examination, failed to order correct diagnostic tests, incorrectly interpreted the history, physical findings and laboratory data, instituted an inadequate care plan and discharged the patient.

3. About 2:30 a.m. the next morning the patient delivered an 8 pound 3 oz. baby boy at home.

4. The Board finds the Respondent guilty of unprofessional conduct in violation of R.I. Gen Laws § 5-37-5.1(19) for failure to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice in emergency department management of a potentially pregnant women with pain and vaginal bleeding.

The parties agree as follows:

(1) The Respondent is a physician licensed and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license No. 5835.

(2) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.

(3) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of Investigating Committee I of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on respondent until final ratification by the Board.

(4) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

- a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
- b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
- c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
- d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
- e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
- f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
- g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
- h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining

to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;

- i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order.

(5) If the Consent Order is not accepted by the Respondent, the Investigative Committee will recommend to the Board that an Administrative Hearing be scheduled with respect to any and all acts of alleged unprofessional conduct. If the Board approves, a Hearing Committee will be convened for the purpose of conducting the Administrative Hearing. The composition of the Hearing Committee is described by statute. If the Hearing Committee votes in favor of finding the Respondent guilty of unprofessional conduct as specified in the charges, the Board shall prepare written finding of fact and law in support of said conclusion. If the accused is found not guilty, the Board shall, forthwith, issue an order dismissing the charges.

(6) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an acknowledgment by the Respondent of the Investigative Finding set forth herein.

(7) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board. It shall be published as the Board, in its exercise of its discretion, shall determine.

(8) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

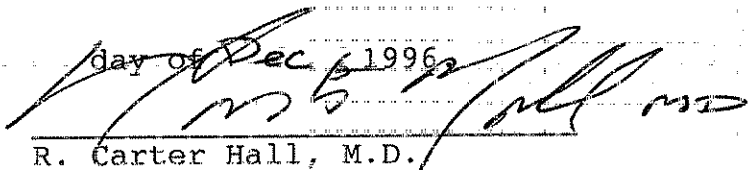
(9) The Respondent agrees to the sanction of a Restriction of his license to practice medicine until such time as a training course, acceptable to the Board, is completed. The restriction imposed is that the Respondent shall be required to obtain a consultation from a staff obstetrician or a patient's private obstetrician on all cases of an actual or potentially urgent or emergency obstetrical problem. The Respondent shall enroll in a training program, acceptable to the Board, in the management of urgent care or emergency obstetrical cases. The satisfactory completion of such training program is required on or before April 1, 1997. Upon the satisfactory completion of the program and the payment of the sum referenced in paragraph 10 hereof, the restriction referenced in paragraph 9 shall be lifted.

(10) The Respondent shall pay an Administrative Fee of Eight Hundred (\$800.00) Dollars to the Board within sixty days of ratification of this Consent Order.

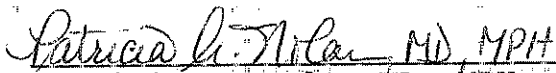
Signed this

20<sup>th</sup>

day of Dec 1996

  
R. Carter Hall, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at  
a meeting held on December 11, 1996.

  
Patricia A. Nolan MD, MPH  
Director of Health, Chairperson  
Board of Medical Licensure and  
Discipline